

Amendments to the claims

1-17. (Canceled)

18. (Previously presented) A storage container with a locking device for a disk, the storage container including:

    a base having a bottom wall;

    a lid cooperating with the base to form a chamber for the disk when the lid is closed on the base;

    a hub on the base configured to hold the disk on the hub in a manner that allows removal of the disk from the hub and replacement of the disk on the hub;

    a locking device including a female part and a male part configured to lock to the female part, the male part having a head and a post extending from the head, the head being configured to prevent a disk from being removed from the disk-retaining hub when the head is locked through the base to the female part, and the head be dimensioned to fit within the chamber when the lid is closed on the base;

    at least a portion of the female part disposed within the hub; the female part and the hub defining a quick connect device that holds the female part to the base; and

    the quick connect device including a retention device on one of the hub and female part and a cooperative retention device on the other of the hub and the female part; the retention device and cooperative retention device being releasably joined together in a resilient snap fit.

19. (Currently amended) A storage container with a locking device for a disk, the storage container including:

    a base having a bottom wall having an outer surface; the bottom wall defining a raised central portion that defines a central recess positioned above the outer surface of the bottom wall;

    a lid cooperating with the base to form a chamber for the disk when the lid is closed on the base;

    a hub on the base configured to hold the disk on the hub in a manner that allows removal of the disk from the hub and replacement of the disk on the hub;

    a locking device including a female part and a male part configured to lock to the female part, the male part having a head and a post extending from the head, the head being configured to prevent a disk from being removed from the disk-retaining hub when the head is locked through the base to the female part, and the head be dimensioned to fit within the chamber when the lid is closed on the base;

    at least a portion of the female part disposed inside the hub; and

    the female part having a stop portion disposed in the central recess against the base; the entire female part being disposed above or even with the outer surface of the bottom wall.

20. (Canceled)

21. (Previously presented) The container of claim 18, wherein the female part includes a ball and clutch mechanism..

22. (Previously presented) The container of claim 21, wherein the ball and clutch mechanism is magnetically operated to release the post.

23. (Canceled)

24. (Previously presented) A storage container with a locking device for a disk, the storage container including:

    a base having a bottom wall;

    a lid cooperating with the base to form a chamber for the disk when the lid is closed on the base;

    a hub on the base configured to hold the disk on the hub in a manner that allows removal of the disk from the hub and replacement of the disk on the hub;

    a locking device including a female part and a male part configured to lock to the female part, the male part having a head and a post extending from the head, the head being configured to prevent a disk from being removed from the disk-retaining hub when the head is locked through the base to the female part, and the head be dimensioned to fit within the chamber when the lid is closed on the base;

    at least a portion of the female part disposed within the hub; the female part and the hub defining a quick connect device that holds the female part to the base;

    the quick connect device including a retention device on one of the hub and female part and a cooperative retention device on the other of the hub and the female part; and

    the retention device including a radial protrusion and the cooperative retention device being in the form of a recess that receives the radial protrusion in a resilient snap fit.

25. (Previously presented) The container of claim 24, wherein the cooperative retention device is an annular groove.

26. (Previously presented) The container of claim 18, wherein the hub includes at least one radial protrusion that axially retain a disk.

27. (Previously presented) The container of claim 26, wherein the male part has a portion disposed outwardly of the hub and surrounding a portion of the hub.

28. (Previously presented) A storage container with a locking device for a disk, the storage container including:

    a base having a bottom wall;

    a lid cooperating with the base to form a chamber for the disk when the lid is closed on the base;

    a hub on the base configured to hold the disk on the hub in a manner that allows removal of the disk from the hub and replacement of the disk on the hub;

    a locking device including a female part and a male part configured to lock to the female part, the male part having a head and a post extending from the head, the head being configured to prevent a disk from being removed from the disk-retaining hub when the head is locked through the base to the female part, and the head be dimensioned to fit within the chamber when the lid is closed on the base; and

    the hub including a retention device having an upper surface; the female part including a retention device that extends through an opening defined by the hub and is snap fit over the upper surface of the retention device of the hub.

29. (Currently amended) The container of claim 28, wherein the male part of the locking device has an inner surface and the female part of the locking device has an upper surface; the upper surface of the female part directly engaging the inner surface of the male part.

30. (Currently amended) The container of claim 29, wherein the female part of the locking device has a stop portion for engaging an axially outwardly facing surface of the bottom wall of the container when inserted into the receptacle.

31. (Previously presented) The container of claim 28, wherein the hub includes a pair of arms having radially outwardly extending protrusions for axially holding the disk on the hub; the retention device of the hub disposed between the pair of arms.

32. (Previously presented) The container of claim 31, wherein each of the arms has an upper portion extending above the retention device of the hub; the female part having an upper portion disposed between the upper portions of the arms.
33. (Previously presented) The container of claim 32, wherein the retention device of the hub also has outwardly extending protrusions for axially holding the disk on the hub.
34. (Previously presented) The container of claim 28, wherein the female part includes a ball and clutch mechanism.